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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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TAGS: BTRA, EA, FAO, UNCTAD, IV

SUBJECT: VISIT OF HARVARD TEAM FOR AGRIBUSINESS STUDY

REF: STATE 267828

1. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT DISCOURAGE HARVARD AGRIBUSINESS STUDY TEAM FROM SEEKING MEETINGS WITH HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS IN MINISTRIES OF PLANNING AND AGRICULTURE. AS MCCLELLAND, IN PARTICULAR, IS WELL AWARE, GRASBERG, SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL, HAS BEEN TO IVORY COAST THREE TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR. FROM GRASBERG'S VISITS AND COUNTLESS REPORTS WRITTEN BY EMBASSY, IVORY COAST IS THOROUGHLY ON RECORD AS WANTING LARGE SCALE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN AGRIBUSINESS PROJECTS. AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL ALSO KNOWS THAT IVORY COAST HAS ONE OF THE MOST LIBERAL INVESTMENT CODES IN WORLD, AND THAT, ALTHOUGH GOIC ENCOURAGES JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN IVORIAN AND FOREIGN INVESTORS, THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON INVESTMENTS OF ANY KIND.

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2. MINISTRY OF PLANNING HAS BEEN INUNDATED BY STUDY TEAMS.

THEY NOW WANT PROJECTS, NOT STUDIES. EMBASSY PERCEIVES LITTLE VALUE IN ADDING YET ANOTHER, ESPECIALLY A SINGLE AFTERNOON STUDY. A LIMITED STUDY OF THIS KIND IS REDUNDANT AND CONSTITUTES AN UNNECESSARY BURDEN ON GOIC AND AFDB OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY LATTER, WHO ARE BENDING OVER BACKWARDS IN SUPPLYING EMBASSY WITH INFORMATION ON PROJECTS IN SENEGAL, MALI, IVORY COAST AND LIBERIA FOR LARGE TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL GROUP. THIS GROUP WILL ARRIVE IN ABIDJAN ON NOVEMBER 24.

3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES NEED TO LAY OVER IN ABIDJAN ENROUTE TO NAIROBI. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO UNDERTAKE NORMAL COURTESIES AND PROVIDE EMBASSY BRIEFING FRIDAY AFTERNOON, BUT ARE RELUCTANT TO LAY ON APPOINTMENTS FOR REASONS CITED ABOVE. SMITH

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